State Health Systems Development Project in Karnataka

1883. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Health Systems Development Project under WHO funding launched in 1996 in Karnataka has come to a close;

(b) whether the total project outlay of Rs. 546 crores was fully utilized for the project; and

(c) the objectives achieved and whether any such project is likely to be launched in Karnataka in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Karnataka State Health Systems Development Project has been assisted by the World Bank and not the WHO. This project had been started in July, 1996 and was supposed to close in March, 2002. However, the World Bank has agreed to extend this project up to March, 2004. The World Bank Supervision Mission had reported in June, 2002 that about 84 per cent of the credit had been disbursed. It is expected that the remaining progress in this project with the revised cost of Rs. 595 crore would be made during the extended period. By June, 2002, out of 204 hospitals taken up under the project, work in 178 hospitals had been completed. Besides, considerable progress has been achieved in other components of the project like increase in bed strength, procurement of equipment and drugs, disease surveillance, strengthening management and information systems, etc. The State Government of Karnataka has prepared another project titled 'Karnataka Integrated Health Nutrition and Family Welfare Services Development Project' with an estimate of Rupees 800 crores for World Bank assistance. This has been examined in consultation with Planning Commission for World Bank assistance.

Training to fresh Doctors and Nurses in Defence and Security Forces

1884. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering compulsory on the job training of fresh qualified Doctors and Nurses in Defence and

Security Forces for a specified period before they are allowed to practice or take up jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider it in the prevailing circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c)There is compulsory internship training in Military hospitals as per requirement of Medical Council of India being imparted to all medical officers who join Defence Services after graduating from Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. This internship is followed by basic military training of 08 weeks duration at Officers Training School (OTS), AMC Centre and School, Lucknow. Further, Doctors who join Defence Services (AFMS) after completing their internships in civil hospitals are required to do basic military training at OTS, Lucknow for 08 weeks. In so far as Military Nursing Officers are concerned, no basic military training is being imparted to them.

Setting up of Government Hospitals in metropolitan cities

1885. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for setting up of more Government hospitals in the metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to provide necessary medical facilities in their respective States according to their need/priorities within the available resources.